

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 53080
Fumio KATO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3603
Application No.: 10/588,036 : Group Art Unit: 1795
Filed: August 01, 2006 : Examiner: LEE, CYNTHIA K
For: ALKALINE BATTERY

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 29, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows.